



Fact Sheet

Reasons for amending the Reticulated LPG Industry Code

The Essential Services Commission (**Commission**) has varied the Reticulated LPG Industry Code (**Code**), to implement Decision 4 of the Commission's Inquiry into regulatory arrangements for small-scale water, sewerage and energy services – Final Report.

From 1 July 2022, and for the 2021-22 reporting period, reporting requirements for LPG licensees have changed. The Code has been amended to implement the new arrangements.

LPG licensees are now required to report to the Commission annually by 31 August, in accordance with Guideline No. 5.

Final Decision

The Commission has amended clause 2.1 'Annual return' of the Reticulated LPG Industry Code - RLIC/02 (**Code**). Clause 2.1.2 has been amended to remove the requirement for a relevant licensee to provide specific minimum reporting information in its Annual Return, and now requires that a relevant licensee's Annual Return *'include information required from the licensee in accordance with applicable regulatory instruments.'*

In this context, 'applicable regulatory instruments' includes: Acts, Regulations, industry codes, rules and guidelines.

Reasons for this amendment

This amendment is required to implement Decision 4 of the Commission's Inquiry into

regulatory arrangements for small-scale water, sewerage and energy services – Final Report (**SSNI Final Report**). A key outcome from the [SSNI Final Report](#) was the adoption by the Commission of a verified trust and accountability (**VTA**) regulatory approach, featuring consolidated reporting requirements across small-scale networks.

The Commission has developed the Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Small-scale Networks Guideline (**Guideline No. 5**), published on 24 March 2022, to establish the annual reporting requirements for all small-scale entities licensed by the Commission.

Reticulated LPG licensees are now required to report annually in accordance with Guideline No. 5. The new reporting requirements apply to data for the 2021-22 reporting period, with Annual Returns due by 31 August 2022.

Consultation

During a four-week public consultation period the six relevant licensees were informed about how this change fits into the wider introduction of the VTA approach and the revised reporting requirements. No submissions were received.

Further Information

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any matter relating to regulatory reporting, please contact the Commission on 08 8463 4444 or at reporting@escosa.sa.gov.au